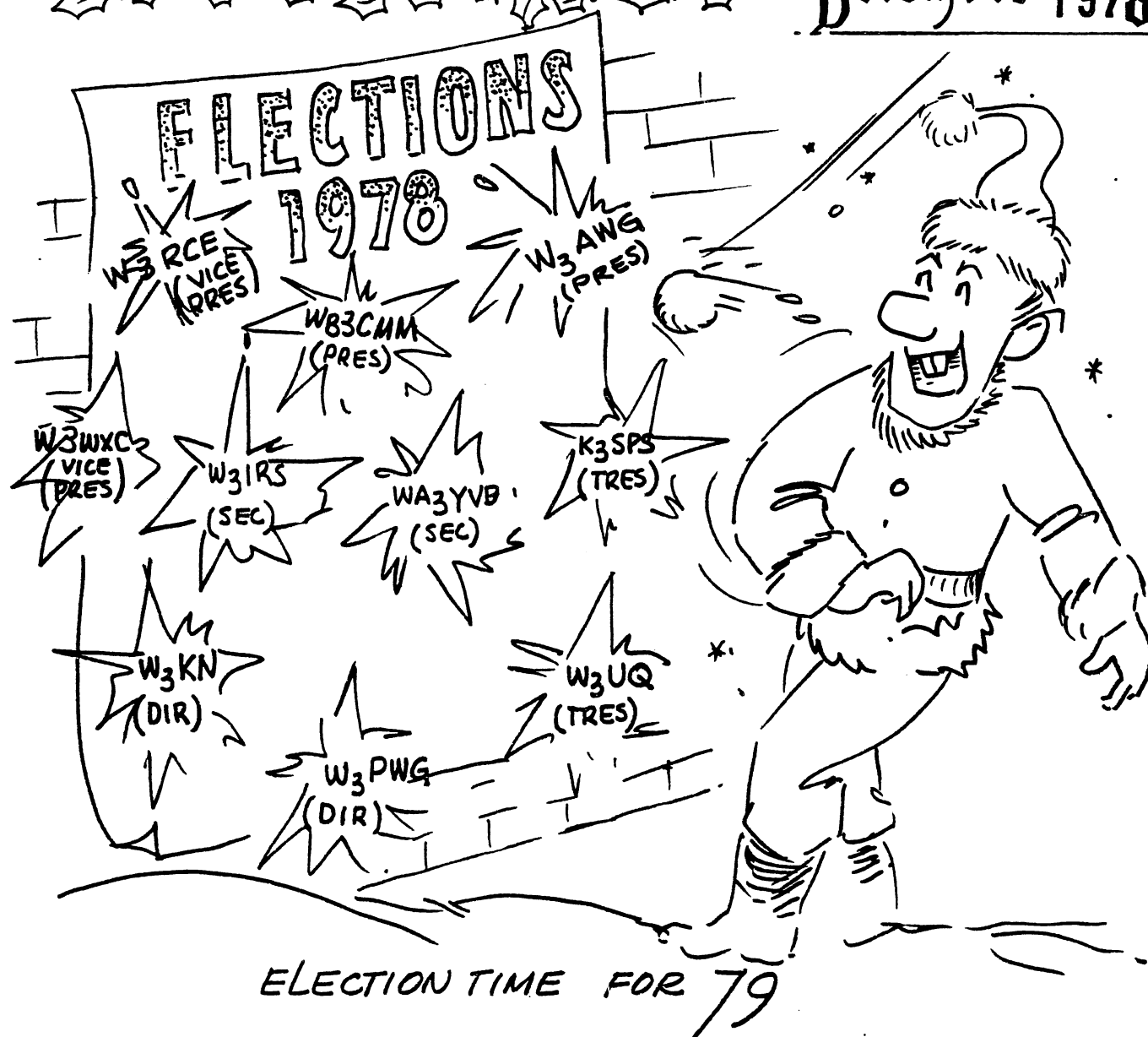


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Nets are conducted weekly as listed below. All amateurs are invited to check-in, members or non-members alike, with or without traffic. The nets are informal with net control stations serving on a rotating basis.

All Nets Sunday 10 meters (29.493 MHz) 1000 hrs; 75 meters (3993 kHz) SSB 1000 hrs;
2 meters FM (147.63/03 via WR3ADS) 0930 hrs.

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IT SEEMS TO ME

'Tis the season to be jolly! 'Tis also the season to elect new officers for Philmont's 30th Anniversary Year. Our Nominating Committee has given us an excellent slate and now the choice is ours. Election Night at Philmont is always fun and it is one meeting that we hope you will all try to attend. For those who cannot be with us there is the absentee ballot in this issue, but it only counts if you use it!

Last month we told you about the lost contest entry. Thanks to the cooperation of the ARNS Contest Chairman, K4FRY, we were able to send a replacement entry and we are back in the thick of things. We never did locate the original entry, but that is no longer important.

Finally, as we come to the end of another year, we would like to thank this year's officers for a good job and to wish the very best of the season's greetings to all Philmonters and their families.

de K3KUD



PREZ SEZ

It's been a great Philmont year; Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall
I've enjoyed being the President and I've had a ball.
You have been very helpful, cooperative and kind,
You're the best bunch of Hams an "LGY" could find.

The "Prez Sez" columns have sometimes been rough,
And to write them each month has also been tough;
This is my last, but not the least I can say.
To thank all who have helped would take the whole day.
So farewell from your Prez and hello to the next,
I wish him good luck and will end this here text.

73,
Arnie, WB2LGY

From our distinguished correspondent-at-large, George Weed, W3KN, comes the following:

"Your attention is invited to Page 73, November QST. Here you will
see a once-in-a-lifetime likeness of an old 'Friend of Philmont'.
That is, Gerry Mahoney, W3FB, with his glasses on and his mouth open."

We would like to recommend that any members interested in having a Midmonth Meeting
for next year give some thought to the month which would suit them best. We schedule
these meetings in January and like to complete the schedule as soon as possible. At
the present time only the January meeting has been scheduled; April has traditionally
been Stag Night and meeting plans for that month will be discussed.

YOUR CANDIDATE NEEDS YOUR VOTE - ATTEND THE MEETING AND MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT.

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PHILMONT CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

Dec. 4 Regular Meeting at Franklin Institute, 8:00 PM. Election of Officers
Dec. 20 Midmonth Meeting at WB3CMM, 8:00 PM
Dec. 25 Christmas; Hanukkah
Dec. 31 New Year's Eve
Jan. 2 BLURB folding at W3QQH, 7:15 PM
Jan. 8 Regular Meeting of Philmont (note delay of one week due to holiday)

2-METER NET CONTROL SCHEDULE

<u>Dec. 3</u>	<u>Dec. 10</u>	<u>Dec. 17</u>	<u>Dec. 24</u>	<u>Dec. 31</u>	<u>Jan. 7</u>
W3IGW	WB3CMM	W3SRU	WB2LGY	W3AA	W3WXC

MEETING REPORT

The November Regular Meeting was Old Timer's Night. The evening began with a catered dinner at the Franklin Institute with 55 persons in attendance. All reports term the dinner a complete success, due in a large part to the hard work of Rollie Madera, W3PWG; Jack Miksis, WB3ZGY, and the Institute gang.

The business meeting followed dinner and, in addition to the necessary reports, entailed the presentation of the Nominating Committee's slate of candidates for 1979. It was also announced that Jake, KB2BA, has been elected to membership in the club.

The program for the evening was presented by Joe Welch, K3CT, our Resident FCC Examiner. The subject was "The Personal Radio Service" and a slide illustrated discussion of the amateur rules as recently re-written comprised the material. We appreciate the opportunity to be among the first in this area to see presentation which was much more current than such things usually seem to be.

Attendance at the business meeting was 63 members and 25 visitors.

ONE MEETING--OR SEVERAL?

Recently it seems that our meetings have been deteriorating into a series of private, three or four member meetings. This situation usually accomplishes several things; it prevents everyone from paying attention to the business at hand; it allows someone to ask, "When are you going to read the Minutes" ten minutes after they have been read; it always causes a large group of members to say, "I never heard that before"; and it gives our visitors a very poor impression of Philmont.

Do you have something important to say? Volunteer for a committee, or present a program!

ODDS AND ENDS

From Jim Rodgers, W3AWG, come the following rules to live by:

Murphy's Law Nothing is as easy as it looks.
It will take longer than you think.
If anything can go wrong, it will.

Weiler's Law Nothing is impossible for the man who doesn't have to do it himself.

Chisholm's Second Law Of Human Interaction Any time things appear to be going better, you have overlooked something.

Finagle's Law Once a job is fouled up, anything you do to improve it makes it worse.

Rudin's Law In a crisis that forces a choice to be made of alternative courses of action, most people will choose the worst possible one.

Shanahan's Law The length of a meeting rises with the square of the number of people present.

Crane's Law There is no such thing as a free lunch.

While on the subject of laws we wonder if the Law of Gravity has been repealed. If everything that goes up must come down, what about prices?

We heard about a fellow who got so angry with a fellow worker that he beat him within 2.54 cm of his life. Claimed he gave the guy 2.54 cm and he took 1609 meters.

OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 729 FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS NEWINGTON CT OCTOBER 19, 1978 TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT: During a meeting held Thursday, October 19, 1978, the FCC formally adopted an interpretation of Section 97.79 (d) of the Amateur Rules as it applies to autopatch. The Commission declared that autopatch over an automatically controlled repeater is not allowed. Any autopatch must be monitored by a repeater control operator. The FCC also directed its staff to send ARRL a letter indicating this interpretation. Further information will appear in QST. AR

NEW PRODUCT NOTES

In what appears to be a new trend toward returning to the Amateur Radio field, both Radio Shack and Lafayette are preparing to offer general coverage receivers. Radio Shack will offer digital readout from 10 KHz to 30 MHz in their DX300, priced at \$380.00. Lafayette offers drum dial readout from 170 KHz to 30 MHz in the BC 101, priced at \$250.00.

DSI Instruments, Inc. 7914 Ronson Rd, No.G, San Diego, CA 92111, offers a "Qwik-Kit" counter featuring coverage to 550 MHz. The unit uses an 8 digit readout and operates on 6 "C" batteries or an AC battery eliminator. The counter board and time base are factory assembled and tested, with all other parts supplied to finish the unit in about 2 hours. Price is \$100.00.

(Tnx to Cheese Bits)

This month marks a very special anniversary in the life of the BLURB. It was twenty years ago, in December of 1958, that Sam Kunceovich, ex-WA3CNI, Our Intrepid Artist did his first BLURB cover.

Since that time Sam has done our covers, Sam's Corner, cartoon pages, QSL cards, and uncounted private "little" jobs for various Philmonters.

"Thanks" is a small word with a lot of meaning and we say it to Sam with sincerity. He has been a major part of our club and our BLURB for all these years and we are proud to know him as a Philmonter and as a friend.

EXCERPTS FROM THE RULES OF ELECTIONS, PHILMONT MOBILE RADIO CLUB

- 9) Electioneering shall be encouraged..... In addition, at the Annual Meeting, the candidates for President and Vice-President shall be given from three to five minutes for campaign speeches.
- 10) The nominees for each office shall be put together on the slate. Each officer must be elected by a simple majority of those voting, eliminating the candidate with the lowest vote. Balloting must continue until a simple majority is reached for each office.
- 11) Absentee ballots are to be sent or given to the Judge of Elections no later than 8:30 PM on the night of the election. The ballot should be in a sealed envelope with the PMRC member's name on the outside so that the Judge of Elections can check to see that the vote is coming from a paid-up, eligible member. The ballot should state the member's 1st, 2nd, and perhaps 3rd choice as the case may be. The absentee ballot will be held in the election as long as the candidate who is voted for in the ballot remains in the race.

Absentee ballots should be mailed to Jim Spencer, W3QQH, in sufficient time for him to receive them prior to the meeting; or they may be delivered to W3QQH by another member on election night.

ABSENTEE BALLOT-1978

<u>PRESIDENT</u>	<u>V.PRESIDENT</u>	<u>SECRETARY</u>	<u>TREASURER</u>	<u>DIRECTOR</u>
W3AWG	W3RCE	W3IRS	K3SPS	W3KN
WB3CMM	W3WXC	WA3YVB	W3UQ	W3PWG

This ballot is designed for removal and use without damage to the BLURB

ELECTION TIME IS HERE

The Nominating Committee, composed of Jim Spencer, W3QQH; John Tinaglia, W3AWH; Dick Moll, W3RM; and Al Bubeck, K3GNM, has proposed an excellent slate of candidates for various Philmont offices for the coming year. The slate is as follows:

President:

Jim Rodgers, W3AWG. In his 20 years as a club member, Jim has earned the respect of all Philmonters for just getting the job done. Recipient in 1977, of the Leroy Hauser Award for continued service to the club, Jim has continued to contribute in his quiet efficient way. Prints the BLURB, keeps the archives, and takes an active part in all our activities.

Bill Mescanti, WB3CMM. Although he has been a Philmonter for a relatively short time, Bill has been very active. Program Chairman and Vice-President in 1978; active in other area clubs; Bill still finds time to keep abreast of the latest technical information and the locations of area hamfests.

Vice-President:

Ed Faye, W3RCE. A disciple of Mother Bell, Ed is a long time member of Philmont and contributed a great deal to our success. Unfortunately, his contributions have often been anonymous at his request, depriving him of credit when due. He can currently be recognized by a magnificent beard.

Dick Klein, W3WXC. Dick, a past president of Philmont, has been very active since moving back into our area. Organizer of banquets, programmer of net control computers, and generally available for any project, Dick is an asset and a hard worker for the club.

Secretary

Charles Andrews, W3IRS
Gary Bodnar, WA3YVB

Treasurer

Murray Bevitz, K3SPS
Bob Lachman, W3UQ

Director

Roland Madera, W3PWG
George Weed, W3KN

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While each elective office in Philmont is important, only the candidates for the executive positions have been profiled. The remainder of the slate is equally qualified and the members nominated have proven their ability and interest in the club.

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ABSENTEE BALLOT ON OTHER SIDE

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NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

Name: Jack Spratt, N3ALW
Handle: Jack
Address: 270 Kalos St.
Philadelphia, PA 19128
Wife: Claire (No call)
Employer: City of Philadelphia, 120 W. Northwestern Ave., Phila., PA
Occupation: Police Sergeant
Phone: (H)483-0807 (B)CH-2-1116
Sponsored by: WB3CMM; N3ADI

Name: Winnie Miller, K3RAB
Handle: Winnie
Address: 217 Oak Ave.,
Clifton Heights, PA 19018
Occupation: Retired
Phone: (H) 626-5330
Note: Winnie is the wife of Russ Miller, K3NYN
Sponsored by: W3QQH; W3OWK

Name: Leornard Kovnat, WB3JUA
Handle: Len
Address: 306 s. New Armore Ave.,
Broomall, PA 19008
Occupation: Retail Menswear (Self-employed)
Phone: (H)EL-6-5398 (B)SA-4-7799
Sponsored by: W3KL; K3CT; WB2LGY

Action on the above applications will be taken at the December Midmonth Meeting.

FOR SALE:

HW2036 with Micoder mike. Modes: AM, FM; CW; SSB		
5/8 wave Ground Plane Base antenna		
5/8 wave Hustler trunk mount antenna	complete	\$200.00
Gonset GSB-100 all band, all mode transmitter		
100 Watts, CW.		
Good starter rig		\$ 75.00

Contact: Al Hamilton, W3GIF
(215) 646-8100, Ext 77 or 78

COME TO THE ANNUAL MEETING. VOTE! ONE VOTE CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE FOR YOUR MAN.

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